

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	Group Art Unit: 1652
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BLATTMANN et al.)	Examiner: Prouty, Rebecca E.
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Serial No.: 10/524,234)	Confirmation No.: 8676
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Filed: August 11, 2003 (Int'l))	
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For: MUTANT E. COLI APPA PHYTASE)	
ENZYMES AND NATURAL VARIANTS)	
THEREOF, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING)	
SUCH PHYTASE ENZYMES, VECTORS AND)	
HOST CELLS INCORPORATING SAME AND)	
METHODS OF MAKING AND USING SAME)	
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 11, 2009 WITH RCE

MS RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 11, 2009, Applicants respectfully requests that the following amendments be made. Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to file the present Response. A complete list of the Claims, including marked-up versions of the rewritten, added, withdrawn, and/or cancelled claims is provided below, beginning on page 2. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) accompanies this response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

¹ *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).